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SUBJECT: Plans to Increase Rayon Production

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SOURCE OR CLARIFYING STATEMENT:

1. "India wishes to develop the rayon side of her textile industry with the ultimate aim of self-sufficiency. At present India produces approximately 15 per cent of her national rayon requirements. If and when present expansion programs are completed India should be able to supply 50 per cent of her rayon requirements.
2. "India National Rayon, of Bombay, plans to install 38 new pot spinning machines for Viscose yarn. If installation is commenced in June 1954, as currently planned, the installation should be complete by June 1956.
3. "A new plant in Karachi is about to open, using the British manufactured Nelson pot spinning machines which have not proved too successful. The Dawood rayon plant in Karachi is considering installation of new pot spinning machines and engineering will be done by National Rayon.
4. "The Travancore rayon plant near Cochin has a five year program of 50 new pot spinning machines. The head of the firm, FNU Cheptiar, was killed in the BOAC Singapore crash and the firm is currently being run by his brother-in-law FNU Ramenaphan.
5. "India does not wish to import textile machinery; so we hope to license someone to build our pot spinning machine locally. If this plan is successful India will ultimately grant no import licenses for textile machinery.

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6. "There is very little US textile machinery in India at the present. Most of it is of pre-war vintage and manufactured approximately 50 per cent by British, 35 per cent by Germans, and 15 per cent by Japanese."

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Rayon prod.

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Textile machinery

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Area

India

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Pakistan

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